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Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm glad you called this evening and thought I would take the opportunity to write you a letter. The following article recently appeared in one of my computer magazines:

The House that DOS Built

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates has found something other than fast cars on which to spend his hard-earned cash. The Boy Wonder decided to build his own \$5 million pleasure palace on the shores of Lake Washington in posh Medina, a Seattle suburb. Under the shore, actually.

Most of the approximately 45,000-square-foot house will be located underground, including a theater, kitchens and high-tech-rooms.

The only part of the building above ground will be three pavilions, which will house a guest hall and a swimming pool. One local who is familiar with the plans said that the environmentally aware Gates is doing his best to make the house fit into the surroundings. Or under.

We certainly enjoyed Mary's visit and had a good time watching the Ring. Vickie was very pleased to hear that you watched to the very end! Now we have it on tape and don't have to travel to Bayreuth in order to see a good production! Perhaps Mary told you we bought a new TV for the occasion. Also, I have a new printer as you can see.

I am keeping busy at work but it is working with the computer which I enjoy. And I have time to go jogging at noon. It was clear and bright with low humidity today. I jogged down to Bluemont Park and back - a nine mile run.

Now the cat is after me to pull his string under the rug so I will say goodbye for now.



Love,

Jim and Vickie